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Hmong-Lao Veterans Day Bill Passes *Assembly also passes bills targeting elder abuse*

Madison... Today, Representative Patrick Snyder's (R-Schofield) proposal to create Hmong-Lao Veterans Day (AB 154) passed the State Assembly and Senate. Rep. Snyder said:

“This legislation recognizes and honors the extraordinary sacrifices of Hmong and Lao who fought alongside the United States during the Vietnam War. The bill designates May 14th – the anniversary of the last airlift of Hmong and Lao veterans out of Laos in 1975 – as Hmong-Lao Veterans Day. The bill also encourages schools across Wisconsin to observe the date and discuss the important sacrifices of Hmong-Lao veterans with students.”

The bill is expected to be signed into law by Governor Tony Evers this Friday May 14th.

The State Assembly also held votes on a number of other bills including legislation curbing elder abuse.

Assembly Bill 44 increases criminal penalties for crimes against the elderly. Assembly Bill 45 would allow financial professionals to inform law enforcement and family of suspected cases of elder financial exploitation. Assembly Bill 46 works in concert by allowing financial professionals to temporarily delay transactions in suspected cases of financial exploitation while law enforcement and family are notified of the issue.

Rep. Snyder continued:

“Protecting our most vulnerable citizens from exploitation – financial or otherwise – is one of my most important duties as a public official. I am proud to support these important bills that will help all our seniors and their families retain peace of mind.”

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